

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously amended). A shopping cart, comprising:

a shopping cart frame made of plastic and having an ion-releasing surface;

wherein said ion-releasing surface is formed during production of the shopping cart and an ion-releasing function thereof is not achieved by an additional coating.

Claim 8-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended). A method for manufacturing a shopping cart, the method comprising the following steps:

~~providing~~ producing a shopping cart ~~having a surface; and from an ion-releasing material and producing a surface of said shopping cart forming the surface~~ completely or partially of ~~at least one material selected from the group consisting of hydrophobic material, superhydrophobic material and the~~ ion-releasing material.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The method according to claim 11, which further comprises additionally adding a nanostructure to the surface.

Claim 13 - 17 (canceled).